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FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY RICHARDSON FROM AMBASSADOR

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SUBJECT: IV NOMINATIONS FY 77

1. YOU WILL RECALL THAT I DISCUSSED WITH YOU MY KEEN INTEREST IN OUR INTERNATIONAL VISITOR PROGRAM AND THAT YOU ASSISTED US TO INCREASE OUR FY 1976 PARTICIPATION FROM THREE TO FIVE FULL PLUS TWO PARTIAL GRANTS. THE SUCCESS OF THESE GRANTS HAS BEEN PHENOMENAL.

2. MOROCCANS ARE INCREASINGLY INTERESTED IN THE US AS OUR RELATIONS GROW MORE ACTIVE AND POSITIVE, AND AS THEY STRIVE TO BUILD ALTERNATIVES TO OVERDEPENDENCE ON FRANCE. FEW THINGS MORE FAVORABLY INFLUENCE MOROCCANS WHO HAVE NOT VISITED THE US THAN THE REPORTS OF THEIR COLLEAGUES WHO RECENTLY HAVE. RETURNING IVS HAVE SPREAD THE WORD AND WE NOW FIND MORE MOROCCANS THAN EVER WHO ARE EAGER TO BE INVITED. I AM ANXIOUS TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THIS SITUATION.

3. WE HAVE NOW ASSEMBLED AN EXCELLENT PANEL OF IMPORTANT AND RISING YOUNG (MOST ARE UNDER 40) MOROCCANS. CONSIDERING THAT TWO FULL GRANTS FOR FY 77 ARE ALREADY COMMITTED (TO THE GOVERNOR OF KENITRA PROVINCE AND TO THE CHIEF EDITOR OF L'OPINION - THE FRENCH LANGUAGE DAILY SUPPORTED BY THE OPPOSITION ISTIQLAL PARTY) AND THAT TWO PARTIAL GRANTS WILL BE OFFERED TO MOROCCANS TRAVELING TO THE US AS PART OF
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THEIR COUNTRY'S UNGA DELEGATION, I AM REQUESTING FUNDS

SUFFICIENT FOR A TOTAL OF 10 FULL AND FIVE PARTIAL GRANTS.
I EARNESTLY HOPE YOU WILL BE ABLE TO FIND FOR US THE RELATIVELY
MODEST SUM OF MONEY THAT WILL ENABLE US TO DO SO. YOU MAY
BE SURE IT WILL BE BROADCAST UPON THE WATERS.

4. THE PANEL ASSEMBLED BY OUR IV COMMITTEE COMPRISES THE
FOLLOWING 10 PRINCIPALS, 10 ALTERNATES AND FIVE PARTIALS
(I HAVE PERSONALLY REVIEWED EACH NOMINATION AND ONLY WISH WE
COULD INVITE THEM ALL):

PRINCIPALS

KADIRI ABDELHAFID, 47
DIRECTOR, FRENCH LANGUAGE DAILY L'OPINION,
MEMBER EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ISTIQLAL PARTY.

KADIRI HAS BEEN A MEMBER OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
OF THE ISTIQLAL FOR SEVEN YEARS. ADDITIONALLY, AS
DIRECTOR OF ONE OF THE MAJOR DAILIES HE IS IN A
STRONG POSITION TO MOLD PUBLIC OPINION. TO FURTHER
CULTIVATE KADIRI'S UNDERSTANDING OF THE US WOULD
BE USEFUL.

MOUTII AHMED, 35
GOVERNOR OF KENITRA

MOUTII, A YOUNG MAN, HAS ALWAYS BEEN FAVORABLE IN
HIS ATTITUDE TOWARD THE US. ADDITIONALLY, HE
IS GOVERNOR OF A PROVINCE IN WHICH THE US HAS
SUBSTANTIAL TANGIBLE INTERESTS. HE IS A GOOD FRIEND OF
THE US, MOST COOPERATIVE, AND FOLLOWS CLOSE LIAISON
WITH (USN) BASE COMMAND.

EL YAZGHI MOHAMED, 36
DIRECTOR/EDITOR IN CHIEF EL MOHARRIR (USFP ORGAN)

LONG AND INTIMATELY INVOLVED IN OPPOSITION POLITICS,
THIS YOUNG AND POPULAR USFP LEADER IS EXPECTED REMAIN
SO FOR MANY YEARS. AS HEAD OF LEFTIST BUT NON-
COMMUNIST PAPER HE IS IN KEY POSITION TO SHAPE
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PUBLIC OPINION. US TRAVEL WOULD BROADEN HIS SOMEWHAT
NARROW OUTLOOK AND SHOULD DISPOSE HIM AND HIS
FOLLOWERS AND READERS MORE FAVORABLY TOWARD US.

BELGHITI ABDELAZIZ, 41
SECRETARY GENERAL, MINISTRY COOPERATION AND TRAINING
OF CADRES

AS SECOND MAN IN MINISTRY DEALING WITH FOREIGN ASSISTANCE, BELGHITI IS PRIME CONTACT FOR USAID AND PEACE CORPS; HAS DISPLAYED EXCEPTIONAL ABILITY TO ADVANCE USG PROGRAMS; DESTINED FOR EVEN MORE PROMINENT PLACE IN GOM.

SLIMANI OTHMAN, 35
SECRETARY GENERAL,
MINISTRY OF FINANCE,
PROFESSOR ECONOMICS, MOHAMMED V UNIVERSITY

ONE OF THE HALF DOZEN MOST SENSITIVELY PLACED INDIVIDUALS IN GOM IN TERMS OF MAKING DECISIONS AFFECTING US COMMERCE AND INVESTMENT. STRONG MINDED, SAID TO VIEW FOREIGNERS NEGATIVELY. US VISIT WOULD GIVE HIM WIDER PERSPECTIVE AND HOPEFULLY TILT HIM IN OUR FAVOR.

SEQAT MOHAMED, 36
DIRECTOR OF BUDGET, MINISTRY OF FINANCE

SEQAT'S PRESENT KEY POSITION WAS FORMERLY HELD BY MINISTER. SEQAT HIMSELF DEFINITELY MINISTERIAL TIMBER AND LIKELY CONTINUE PLAY IMPORTANT ROLE INTEGRATING US CAPITAL INVESTMENT IN MOROCCAN DEVELOPMENT.

SKALLI TAIEB, 35
DIRECTOR, MINES, GEOLOGY, ENERGY,
MINISTRY OF COMMERCE

PLAYS CRITICAL ROLE IN MINING AND PETROLEUM EXPLORATION/EXPLOITATION. HAS ACTIVELY PROMOTED INCREASED US PARTICIPATION IN THESE AREAS, AND WAS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SELECTED BY MINISTER TO MEDIATE TROUBLESOME MOROCCANIZATION ISSUE WITH MAJOR US COMPANY. POSITION HAS BEEN SPRINGBOARD FOR MUCH HIGHER GOM RESPONSIBILITIES.

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FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY RICHARDSON FROM AMBASSADOR

RADI ABDELWAHAD, 40

PROFESSOR, UNIV. CENTER FOR SCIENTIFIC STUDIES,

MP (1963) CHAIRMAN DEPT OF PHILOSOPHY, PSYCHOLOGY

& SOCIOLOGY, UNIV. MOHAMMED V.

IMPORTANT SPOKESMAN FOR LIBERAL DEMOCRACY IN
MOROCCO. HIS UNIVERSITY POSITION ENABLES HIM TO MODERATE MORE
RADICAL CAMPUS POLITICAL VIEWS. EXPECTS TO RUN AS
CANDIDATE FOR PARLIAMENT IN COMING ELECTIONS.

JAMAI KAMAL, 40

PASHA OF MARRAKECH

MAYORS OF MARRAKECH HAVE ADVANCED TO MORE IMPORTANT
POSITIONS IN NATIONAL GOVERNMENT. JAMAI IS FAVORABLY
DISPOSED TO US BUT UNACQUAINTED WITH THE COUNTRY.

IBNOUTALEB MOHAMMED, 38

ASST TO GOVERNOR OF CASABLANCA AND CHIEF
OF ECONOMIC SECTION OF THAT OFFICE

PRESENT POSITION IN MOROCCO'S INDUSTRIAL/FINANCIAL CENTER
AND LIKELY ADVANCEMENT TO GOVERNORSHIP MARK IBNOUTALEB
AS A MAN WHOSE SCANT KNOWLEDGE OF THE US WE SHOULD
AUGMENT BY OFFERING HIM IV GRANT. CASABLANCA IS KEY TO
INCREASED US TRADE AND INVESTMENT IN MOROCCO.

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TAZI ABDELHAQ, 44

HEAD, ISTIQLAL YOUTH MEMBER PARTY'S

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

ISTIQLAL IS FAR AND AWAY THE COUNTRY'S BEST
ORGANIZED PARTY; ITS YOUTH ARM IS SIMILARLY

PEERLESS, AND THIS SEGMENT
OF THE ELECTORATE, ESPECIALLY THE LEFT-VEERING
UNIVERSITY/INTELLECTUAL CONTINGENT SORELY NEEDS
THE KIND OF PERSPECTIVE TAZI COULD PROVIDE AFTER
A US VISIT.

ALTERNATES

CHERKAOUI MOHAMED, 38
ATTACHE DE DIRECTION, IN CHARGE OF NORTH
AMERICAN AFFAIRS, MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

GUESSOUS AZDDINE, 35
FINANCIAL DIRECTOR,
GOM PHOSPATE MONOPOLY.

BOUTAMI LARBI, 32
CHARGE DE MISSION
MINISTRY OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS

JAIDI BOUBKER, 31
CHEF DU SERVICE ECONOMIQUE
MINISTRY OF FINANCE

MHIDI MOHAMED, 33
SOUS-DIRECTEUR,
CHEF DE DIVISION ECONOMIQUE
MINISTRY OF FINANCE

GUESSOUS ABDERAHIF, 38
DIRECTOR GENERAL OF GOVERNMENT
MONOPOLY OF MINES AND PETROLEUM

TOULALI DRISS, 40
DIRECTOR, OFFICE AND MISE EN
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VALEUR DU GHARB

ABAAKIL, NAJEM, 45
PRESIDENT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY
CASABLANCA

ELHJOMRI, ABDELJALIL, 30
DIRECTOR, TEACHERS' COLLEGE
RABAT

STOTI, MILOUD, 31
DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT
MINISTRY OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY

TADLI MOHAMED, 46
DIRECTOR, TRAINING OF CADRES,
MINISTRY OF COOPERATION AND TRAINING OF CADRES

ABOULKATIB ABDELHAI
DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT, L'OPINION

BEL ALEM MAJID
CHIEF OF PRIVATE SECRETARY FOREIGN MINISTRY

LAHLOU KADER
DIRECTOR (RESEARCH AND EDUCATION)
CREDIT AGRICOLE. CAISSE NATIONALE DE CREDIT AGRICOLE.

FASSI-FIHRI AHMED
DIRECTOR, NATIONAL DOCUMENTATION CENTER

HALIM ABDELKRIM
SECRETARY GENERAL
MINISTRY OF HIGHER EDUCATION

5. THESE MOROCCANS WHO VISITED THE US UNDER OUR FY 76
PROGRAM WERE OF A UNIFORMLY HIGH LEVEL; THEIR PROGRAMS
IN THE US DEEPLY IMPRESSED THEM, AS THEY HAVE ASSURED
ME AND VARIOUS OTHER MISSION OFFICERS OVER THE PAST WEEKS
SINCE THEIR RETURN. THE MAJORITY FIGURE DIRECTLY AND
PROMINENTLY IN ONE OF OUR PRIORITY EFFORTS HERE -- PROMOTING
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US TRADE AND INVESTMENT. THOSE VISITORS WERE:

DOURI M'HAMED
MEMBER, EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE,
ISTIQLAL PARTY, PROMINENT AGRI-BUSINESSMAN;

MOUTAHIR HASSAN
SECGEN, MINISTRY OF INTERIOR
FORMER GOVERNOR OF MARRAKECH;

BENAMOUR ABDELAI
DIRECTOR, CASABLANCA SCHOOL OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION;

BENBARKA BRAHIM
CHEF DU CABINET
MINISTRY OF PLANNING

JOUAHRI ABDELLATIF
FINANCE DIRECTOR,
BANK OF MOROCCO

MESSRS. FARIS AND MOUSSAOUI OF THE NATIONAL BANK FOR
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND THE NATIONAL RAILWAYS SYSTEM,
RESPECTIVELY, RECEIVED PARTIAL GRANTS.
ANDERSON

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